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- [X] A Petition for Extension of Time for Two (2) Month and an Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$570.00 to cover the extension of time and Information Disclosure Statement fees.
- [X] In the event applicant(s) has overlooked the need for any petition and fee for extension of time, and such extension is required, applicant(s) requests that this be considered a petition therefor and that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-1551).
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c) and 1.20 (d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-1551). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

Application No.: 08/691,434

Filed: August 2, 1996

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES
AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING A SEMICONDUCTOR)

) Art Unit: 2822

) Examiner: Mary Wilczewski



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 29, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed August 29, 2000, the period for responding having been extended two (2) months, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Primary Examiner is thanked for her thorough review and consideration of the present application.

The Examiner's non-final Office Action dated August 29, 2000 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 16-20, 24, 25, 56-61 and 74-91 are pending in the present application, of which 16, 21, 26, 32, 38, 44, 50, 56, 62, 68, 74, 75, 76, and 77 are independent.